

Partners...



**a newsletter for the partners and providers of FREE to Know - the
Kansas Breast and Cervical Cancer screening and detection program.**

January 2003

News from the Corner

We welcome two new staff to the FREE to Know team. Camillia Adams, RN, is the south central Regional Nurse. Carmillia works for the Sedgwick County Health Department and is responsible for all of south central Kansas.

Maria Elena Stadick is the new lay health worker in southwest Kansas, working for the United Methodist Mexican American Ministries.

Current staff in Topeka include Kelby Marsh, Data Manager; Jan Lyle, RN, Nurse Consultant; Cindy Hasvold, RN, Public Health Nurse; Nkolika Obiesie, MPH, Epidemiologist, Crystal Roberts Administrative Assistant; Toni Merrill, Billing Specialist and Janet Neff, Program Director. Don't hesitate to call any staff if you have a question.

Janet Neff, Director

Cancer Prevention and Control Program

New Forms

All providers should have received new forms December, 2002. Please recycle old forms and use **only** the new forms. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the funding agency for the Breast and Cervical Program, has asked us to collect additional information found only on the new forms. These items are found primarily in the cervical section with most of the changes linked to the use of the Bethesda 2001 system. HPV testing is now reimbursable by the program and the billing information at the bottom of the form has been expanded to include HPV testing and cytopathology when indicated. If you have not received new Intake and Visit Summary, Breast Diagnostic and Cervical Diagnostic forms, please let the regional nurse know, or contact us on the hotline at **1-877-277-1368**.

Best wishes for 2003 and may your screenings be many and the cancers few!

Jan Lyle, RN

Case Management Committee

The FREE to Know Breast and Cervical Cancer Program formed a committee to review case management. The committee is comprised of two regional nurses, Marian Hunter, RN and Paula Gilmore, RN along with statenurses, Cindy Hasvold, RN and Jan Lyle, RN.

The goal of this committee is to review present case management practices and develop recommendations for improvements. Suggestions for improving case management practices should be directed to MarianPaula, Cindy or Jan.

Cindy Hasvold, RN, Public Health Nurse

Partner's Conference April 9-10

Mark your calendar for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Partner's Conference, April 9-10, Manhattan Holidome, Manhattan, Kansas. This year's conference will feature a keynote address by Barbara Bogomolov, RN, Refugee Health Services, Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis. Ms. Bogomolov will discuss the bridges and barriers of world view - how understanding world view theory can improve the ability to deliver prevention, detection and care across the cultural and linguistic gaps that separate practitioners from the women served.

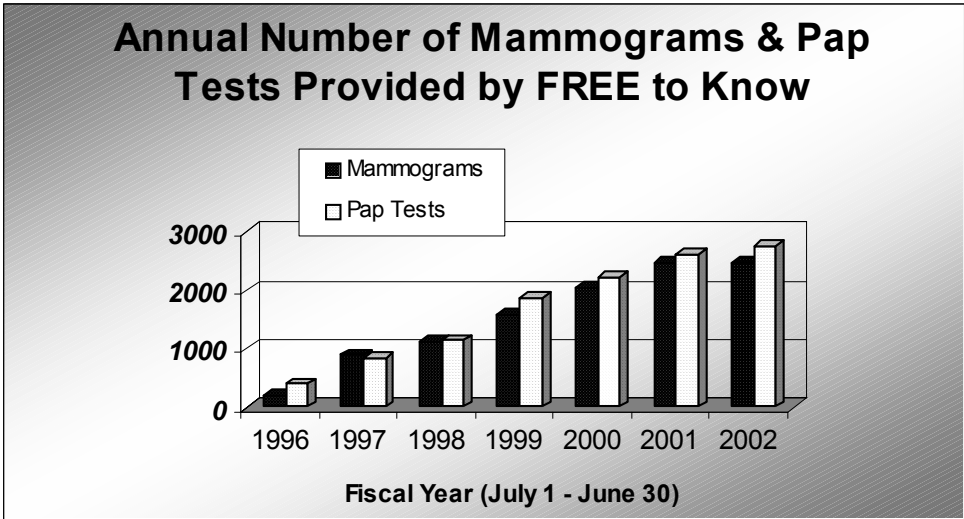
The afternoon sessions will feature three breakouts focusing on clinical, outreach and administrative topics. A workshop on Thursday afternoon will feature Mary Alice Trapp, RN, providing a 'refresher' class in clinical breast exams.

Registration is \$75 to cover meals, breaks and a reception; exhibit fees will be \$200 and will include paid registration for two, plus table and electricity if needed. The agenda (including registration information) is nearly finished and should be in your mailbox late in February.

You won't want to miss this opportunity!

The grant period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002 is officially closed. All bills for services between these dates should have been submitted by January 1, 2003.

Since 1996...



FREE to Know continues to grow thanks to the providers, subcontractors and partners of the Kansas breast and cervical cancer program. Thank you for your participation and your support.

CAD Mammography

Many of the partners and providers of FREE to Know have asked why we are unable to reimburse for Computer Aided Detection Mammography. This program is funded entirely through a grant from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC.) The CDC is quite specific in providing reimbursable expenditures and CAD is no longer a reimbursable expense.

Kansas will be alert to any changes or updates in the possibility of reimbursement for CAD, but at this time, any billing for CAD will be rejected as a non-covered expense.

Questions? Call the Regional Nurses

Northwest - Darleen Bradford, RN - 785-623-5352	North Central - Lynette Blomberg, ARNP - 452-6361
Northeast - Maggie Brown, RN - 785-573-6733	Southwest - Marian Hunter, RN - 620-275-5302
South Central - Carmillia Adams, RN - 316-660-7332	Southeast - Paula Gilmore, RN - 620-235-7136
or call the Breast and Cervical Cancer toll free hotline at 1-877-277-1368	

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